

STATE REVENUE HIGH

According to Revenue Commissioner H. G. Dowling, State tax revenues this year will pass \$70,000,000 for the first time in history. Total revenues, including liquor money, Federal funds, earnings of State farms, industries, parks, etc., will run the total of all State receipts up to \$100,000,000, Dr. Dowling said.

Mr. Auburn Kite, of Birmingham, was in Elba Tuesday renewing old acquaintances. He formerly lived here but has been in the Magic City for about twenty years. Friends were glad to see him.

NEW BUSINESS IN STATE

Since Oct. 1, 1945, new businesses totaling 9,645 have started operation in Alabama. Old businesses have picked up in sales in spite of all gloomy predictions, and sales tax receipts are booming. Use of building materials is up fifty per cent over last year.

Mrs. J. J. Farris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Alford, in Chipley, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bryan and son, John William, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Davis, of Enterprise, spent the week end at Port Walton, Florida.

Luck of Larsen

By BOB SINGLETON
McClure Syndicate
WNY Feature

"LUCKY" LARSEN sat in the cockpit of his party boat, gazing morosely at the waters of the inlet as they shimmered in the sunset. "Snowball!" he suddenly roared. The coal black head of his mate appeared from the galley. "Snowball, I was sittin' here thinkin' why they call you 'Snowball'."

"All you got to do is look at me and you knows right away, Mister Lucky," Snowball grinned.

"That's just what I was cogitatin'. They call you Snowball for the same reason that they call me Lucky."

"Yessir, Mister Lucky. I sure reckon you got somethin' there all right. Just today din't we sit right between Cap'n Judy and Cap'n Frank. Cap'n Judy caught 80 weeks, Cap'n Frank hauled in 30, and we got 15."

"Darn Captain Judy and Captain Frank! Lucky glanced at the remaining can of chum. 'We'll be laughin' at them come this time tomorrow. Come on, now, take the lead out of your pants and get my supper up here; the tide will be comin' in soon.'"

Snowball went below without comment and busied himself with the evening meal. He knew from sad experience that it would do no good to question Lucky further, but he still couldn't figure out why he was sitting in the cockpit throwing occasional handfuls of chum overboard.

Those shrimp would be perfectly good for Mr. Burke's fishing party booked for the next day, and there must have been at least five dollars' worth left.

Another roar from Lucky: "Snowball, start her up!"

"Don't you want to eat? Supper's most ready, Mister Lucky, Snowball called.

"Start her up, supper will have to wait."

As the twin motors roared their protest, Lucky gave orders. "Go as slow as you can and still hold steerage. Head for Governor's Cove."

Under Snowball's expert guidance the 50-foot "Paylin" barely crept the two miles. Lucky kept his place in the stern, still throwing out chum at regular intervals. In about an hour they anchored and ate supper.

"I sure don't know what you're doin', Mister Lucky, but I suppose you do," Snowball ventured. "Why you-all jes' set there and throw chum away is mo'n I can figger out."

Lucky grinned. "You'll be aassin' tomorrow mornin'. But if you go tellin' what you've seen tonight I'll wring your neck. With that he dumped the remaining bait overboard. Snowball gasped.

"Don't you worry, Mister Lucky. I ain't seen nothin'. I remember what you told me to tell—the port motor blew a gasket and we had to lay out to fix it."

"That's right, and don't you forget. We can head in now. Be aboard at five, we're sailin' early."

"I'll be there, don't fret," Snowball started getting things shipshape as Lucky took the wheel. He hummed to himself—he'd be in time to see Mandy after all.

Mr. Burke and his party were on time in the morning, and the Paylin cast off promptly at 5:30, a good half-hour before the other boats. Lucky headed directly for Governor's Cove instead of the inlet where the weaks always lay, and where the other boats would go.

"What's the matter, Larsen, why not the inlet?" Mr. Burke asked as they dropped anchor in the cove. Snowball was already starting the chum over.

"You want weaks, don't you, Mr. Burke?" Lucky answered. "Well, I aim to get you some." He said a fervent prayer under his breath.

"O. K., if you produce," Burke said.

The broad stern of the Paylin accommodated four lines, and they were all over in a few moments. Sure enough, the weaks were biting; they were getting strikes faster than Snowball could haul them in. The light reels and the flexible rods of the weakfish tackle were singing and bending gaily. Suddenly something hit Burke's hook like a sledge hammer. "All lines in!" Lucky called.

The fishermen started reeling in as fast as they could to give Mr. Burke free play, but two more lines were hit before reaching the boat. All three rods were bent practically double, all three reels were smoking. Before Lucky could cut the lines all three rods had been pulled out of the men's hands and were heading out to sea.

"What the devil was that?" Mr. Burke managed to ask.

"What the devil was that, he asks!" Lucky raved. "Are you fishermen or runaways from the Old Ladies' Home? Can't you even hold an oversized weakfish?" He watched a hundred dollars' worth of fishing tackle disappear.

He never did tell the answer, which he knew all too well. The chum that he had put out the night before to lure the weaks from the inlet to the cove had also lured a school of large bonitos which had been feeding just beyond the breakwater.

"Yassir, Mister Lucky, you sure have lived up to your name again," Snowball said, starting the motors to head for the inlet.

THE ELBA THEATRE

WEEKLY PROGRAM

THURSDAY—LAST DAY

"BEDSIDE MANNERS"

Starring
Ruth Hussey, John Carroll

FRIDAY, DOUBLE FEATURE

Alan Ladd, Gail Russell
—In—

"SALTY O'ROURKE"

Serial and Western

SATURDAY—ALL DAY

SUPER WESTERN

—And—
Serial and Comedy

SATURDAY 4 p. m.

"SCARED STIFF"

Starring
Jack Haley, Ann Savage

Western and Serial

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Vivien Blaine, Dennis O'Keefe
—In—

"DOLL FACE"

TUESDAY—Double Feature

"AROUND THE WORLD"

and
"THE FALCON IN MEXICO"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"BRING ON THE GIRLS"

—Starting—
Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake

Coming Sun., Mon., July 7-8—

"STORK CLUB"

Mrs. R. L. Cooper has returned to her home after spending two weeks in Montgomery with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper and little son.

Spading Time
"As soon as the frost is out of the ground," say all the garden books, "and the soil is sufficiently dry, it's time to spade." It is easy to tell when the frost is out, because the soil, which was as hard as a brick, becomes soft and muddy, so that at first you are in danger of sinking in up to your ankles when you walk on it. There is a point between the extremes when a handful of soil, patted between the palms, will crumble. It is not dry, but slightly moist, yet not wet enough to hold together in a mud-pie. At this point, even clay can be spaded easily and will break up without forming clods. When the test indicates that this favorable condition prevails, do not delay spading, otherwise the soil may dry out unduly, and compel you to wait for heavy rains to restore the right degree of moisture.

Soil Tests
Tests made at Ohio State college dealing with soil aeration, provide one reason for spading. These tests showed that to insure maximum plant growth there must be a complete change of the air in the soil, to the depth of eight inches, every hour. Compact soil interferes with this exchange; and it is easy to prove that garden soil is compact after a winter of rain and snow. Spading loosens the soil, lets air into it, and leaves it in the best condition for water and air to enter. Spading also can be used to mix with the soil coarse materials which will improve its condition. Good soil, Ohio State experiments showed, is composed of 25 per cent "pores" containing air, 25 per cent "pores" containing water, and 50 per cent solid matter.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Of Petition Of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc., To The Department Of Finance Acting By And Through The Director Of Finance Or The Chief Of The Division Of Local Finance, Requesting Consent To Issue And Deliver Its Note In The Principal Amount Of \$635,000 To United States Of America.

To All Persons Concerned:
Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama, at its office in the Capitol Building, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, 11:30 A. M. o'clock on July 8, 1946, to determine whether or not the consent should be given to Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc., to issue and deliver its note in the principal amount of \$635,000, bearing interest at the rate of two per centum per annum, which note shall be issued under and pursuant to and be secured by a deed of trust made by and between the Petitioner and The Alabama National Bank of Montgomery, as trustee, and the Indenture provides that it is delivered to secure the outstanding notes and additional notes which may be issued from time to time, the aggregate principal amount of all of which notes at any time outstanding shall not exceed \$1,500,000.

The Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Government, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, have heretofore entered into a certain amending loan contract, dated as of April 4, 1941, and three certain agreements, dated, respectively, as of July 14, 1941, as of May 14, 1942, and as of January 21, 1946, amending said amending loan contract (said amending loan contract, as so amended, being hereinafter called the "Loan Contract"), which provides for the terms and conditions upon which loans aggregating \$887,000, evidenced by the notes above specified, should be expended, and have also entered into a certain amendment (hereinafter called the "Amendment") to the Loan Contract, providing for an increase in the aggregate amount of such loans of not in excess of \$635,000, with which to finance the construction and operation of additional electric transmission, distribution and service lines or systems in rural areas in any one or more of the Counties of Coffee, Covington, Geneva, Henry and Houston, in the State of Alabama.

Any person having any interest in the matter may attend the hearing and be heard on the question as to whether the issuance of said note for the purposes above stated serves a public need and is in the public interest.

Department Of Finance,
By John P. Shaffer, Chief,
Division of Local Finance.

FARM FOR SALE
The old home place of L. M. Bowden, deceased, located in Northwest Coffee County, near Countyline School. This farm contains 350 acres of land in Sections 9 and 10, Township 7, Range 29, on which there is about a four-horse farm open land; considerable wooded land and timber; about 60 pecan trees which are bearing pecans; four dwelling houses. No oil, gas or mineral rights have been leased or sold. Anyone interested in purchasing this farm, write or see John Bowden, Troy, Alabama, or Eric P. Paul, Attorney, Elba, Alabama. 411.

NOTICE
I hereby forbid any one to shelter or board my minor son, John D. Mills.
Signed: Walker Mills.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

VETS GET LICENSES

The 1945 State Legislature granted to veterans of World War II exemptions of \$35 against State, County and Municipal business or professional license taxes—\$35 on each, or a total possible exemption of \$105. The License Division of the State Department of Revenue reports that 8,662 veterans have taken advantage of the new law since last September.

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